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**Representing:** Self

**Comments:**

Digital radio compared to FM has very poor audio quality because of the unacceptably low bit rate transmitted by most broadcasters.

The way you tune a station is different from FM/AM and less user friendly.

Stations cannot be randomly looked for over the spectrum and is too computer like hit and miss.

It would be particularly difficult to use safely whilst in a moving vehicle.

Unlike RDS when travelling through the country does Digital radio have the ability to automatically maintain for e.g. Radio4 countrywide?

I also think that the technology is still immature, similar to digital mobile phones with its unacceptable breaks in audio and numerous call cut offs. If the receiver has not received all the computer code then unacceptable chunks of audio data is lost and the meaning of listening to a program is lost.

Too much emphasis is on making money and not actually on providing a robust reliable quality service. This proposal is just another example of the ever marching destruction and dumbing down of broadcast Media. Similar to the damage that has been done to both the BBC and ITV by allowing Sky and it's money grabbing empire in.

I see no benefit in the loss of FM & AM broadcast spectrum and should be maintained as an alternative reliable source of proven technology.